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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
MASANOBU SAITO, et al.) Examiner: M. Nghiem
Application No.: 09/887,119) Group Art Unit: 2863
Filed: June 25, 2001)
For: IMAGE FORMING)
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FORMING METHOD) Monday, April 12, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

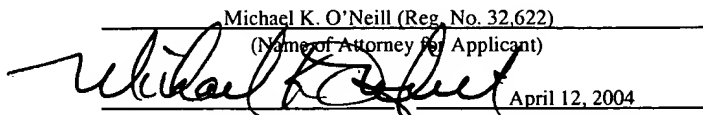
Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated December 11, 2003 for one month from March 11, 2003 to Monday, April 12, 2004.

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Submitted herewith is a check for \$110.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,


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